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: TRANSFER INTO TARGET
: CELLS WITH RETROVIRUS



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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 4, 2002, using clean copies of the Claims,
Applicants amend as follows:

In the Claims (Clean Copies)

Kindly add the following Claims 96 and 97:

- WD 96. (New) A gene encoding the polypeptide of claim 95.
- WD 97. (New) The gene of claim 96 which is represented by SEQ. ID No. 26 of the Sequence Listing, or a gene hybridizable thereto, under stringent conditions and encoding a polypeptide which improves the efficiency of gene transfer into target cells with a retrovirus.